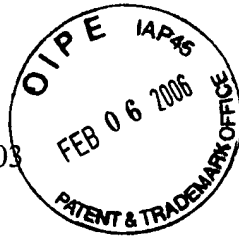


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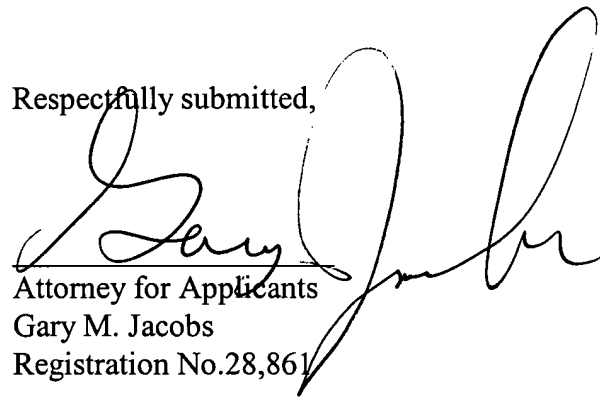
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, enclosed is a December 20, 2005 Japanese Office Action and partial English translation thereof, citing the documents previously cited in the January 10, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement. Therefore, these documents are not being submitted herewith.

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No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

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Respectfully submitted,

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